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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Second Preliminary Amendment for filing in
connection with the above-identified application.

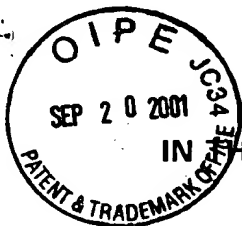
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be
due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this paper or with
this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-
1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

NA
Please amend the drawings according to the attached set of figures, on which the amendment is indicated in red ink. Specifically, in Figure 2B, please label the lower member as item number "320" where indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 3, please label the upper and lower members as item numbers "302" and "320", respectively, where indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figures 19, 21-23, please replace "1008" with -1108- as indicated on the hand-annotated pages.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, line 13, with the following paragraph:

B1
FIG. 1B is a side view of the assay test strip of FIG. 1A;